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Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Founded in 1887, Florida A&M is a 4-year, public, coeducational institution of higher learning. The main campus occupies 419 acres on the highest of seven hills in Tallahassee, the capital of Florida. The university offers degrees at the bachelor, master, Ph.D., and professional levels. The College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture currently offers a “pre-vet and science” option in the Animal Science discipline.



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Investing in the Future of
Veterinary Science

June 13 – July 1, 2005



What Is Ag-DISCOVERY?

Ag-DISCOVERY is a pilot outreach program to help teenagers learn about careers in animal science and veterinary medicine. The program allows students to live on a college campus and learn about science from university professors and practicing veterinarians working for the U.S. Government. This 3-week summer boarding program targets multicultural students (14–16 years of age) who are interested in learning more about animal science and/or veterinary medicine. Students chosen to participate in Ag-DISCOVERY will gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, and field trips. Students will also participate in character- and team-building activities and diversity workshops.

Who Is Sponsoring the Ag-DISCOVERY Program?

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) University and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)—an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)—are joining forces to sponsor Ag-DISCOVERY. Many of the Federal



Government’s professional veterinarians work for APHIS. APHIS is funding Ag-DISCOVERY, and Florida A&M is hosting program participants on its campus in Tallahassee, Florida. The university will make a variety of animal species available to Ag-DISCOVERY students. Every participant will work with live animals during the summer. Dr. Ray Mobley, of the Animal Science Department, and Mr. Godfrey Nurse, manager at the Quincy, FL, farm, will facilitate the program.

How Much Will It Cost?

Students selected for the 2005 Ag-DISCOVERY summer session will pay only the cost of their transportation to get from home to Florida A&M for the start of the session on June 13 and back again at the end of the session on July 1.

The cost of tuition, room and board, and lab supplies for the 3-week program is \$800 per student. But this year, students pay none of these onsite costs! For 2005, the cost of the program will be covered by the Equal Employment Opportunity/ Civil Rights Committee of APHIS’ Animal Care unit.

How Do I Apply?

Students between the ages of 14 and 16 are eligible to apply for admission to Ag-DISCOVERY. *Note:* You must be at least 14 and no older than 16 as of May 31, 2005.

You must submit a complete application package to USDA–APHIS **before April 15, 2005**. Packages postmarked after that date will not be accepted.



Here’s what to put in your application package:

- A two-page essay entitled “What I’d Like To Know About Veterinary Medicine, and Why.” In the essay, include information on your interests, hobbies, and plans for the future. Be sure to include your full name, age, home address, and home telephone number.
- Three character references—letters from people not related to you who know you well. At least one of the three references must come from a teacher or counselor.



Mail your completed package to:

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In May, APHIS will let you know if you have been selected for this summer’s Ag-DISCOVERY program.

Meanwhile, if you’d like to learn more about APHIS or about Florida A&M University, visit these Web sites:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov>
<http://www.famu.edu>

